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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE.

First Named
Inventor : Jean L. Westby et al.

Appln. No. : 10/714,478
Filed : November 13, 2003
For : METHOD AND APPARATUS TO
REDUCE SERIAL
COMMUNICATIONS PATH
CONNECTION OVERHEAD

Docket No.: S104.12-0060

Group Art Unit: 2116
Examiner: Thuan N. Du

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant mailed
April 29, 2005. Please amend the above-identified re-issue
application as follows:

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REMARKS

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant mailed on February 1, 2005.


Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to the first Official Action and prior to calculating the fees for the application.

Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of claims 1-38.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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